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SUBJECT: CUBAN STOWAWAY

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1. STOWAWAY HECTOR TOLEDO-TRUJILLO INTERVIEWED
REGARDING RELEASE FROM GREEK SHIP AND TRIP TO ATHENS. STATED
HE INTERROGATED ON DECEMBER 3 ON BOARD SHIP BY UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE BULAT, TWO YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IN PRESENCE OF THREE UNIFORMED OFFICERS AND A FEMALE INTERPRETER OF ARGENTINE NATIONALITY. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT HIS COUSIN HUGO ROCHE, WHO WAS HE IN REALITY, WHETHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN HIM MONEY TO COME TO YUGOSLAVIA, WHETHER HE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE POLICE IN THE U.S., WHY HAD HE MADE AND RECEIVED SO MANY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE U.S., GENEVA AND ATHENS? TRUJILLO STATES HE REPLIED THAT ROCHE WAS HIS COUSIN, THAT HIS OWN FAMILY HAD PAID FOR HIS TRIP, THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE POLICE IN THE U.S., AND THAT THE TELEPHONE CALLS WERE ABOUT HIM, TRUJILLO.

2. TRUJILLO WAS QUIZZED ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES IN CUBA, HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WHY AND HOW HE LEFT CUBA, WHO HAD HELPED HIM LEAVE, AND WHY DIDN'T HE WANT TO RETURN. TRUJILLO STATES HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS A LABORER IN CUBA, THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANY MEMBER OF HIS PARTY WAS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THAT NO ONE HAD HELPED HIM TO GET ON BOARD THE GREEK SHIP, AND
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THAT HE DID NOT WANT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO RETURN TO CUBA

FOR FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES. TRUJILLO STATES HE DID NOT ASK FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN YUGOSLAVIA BUT DID REFUSE TO RETURN TO CUBA. HE STATES HE WAS TOLD BY BULAT THAT IN THIS CASE HE WOULD EITHER HAVE TO REMAIN ON BOARD THE VESSEL UNTIL ARRIVAL IN GREECE OR LEAVE BY AIR FOR GREECE.

3. ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, UNHCR REP BULAT TOOK TRUJILLO OFF THE SHIP, ACCOMPANIED HIM TO BELGRADE BY AIR, AND PLACED HIM IN A HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT. NEXT MORNING, BULAT ACCOMPANIED HIM TO AIRPORT AND PLACED HIM UNESCORTED ON FLIGHT BELGRADE-DUBROVNIK-ATHENS. AT DUBROVNIK, TRUJILLO WAS ASKED TWICE FOR IDENTIFICATION. HE SHOWED HIS CUBAN IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND A CARD WITH BULAT'S NAME AND TITLE ON IT AND PRESUMABLY AN EXPLANATION OF WHO TRUJILLO WAS, WHERE HE WAS GOING, ETC. TRUJILLO ARRIVED ATHENS AFTERNOON DECEMBER 6.

4. TRUJILLO STATES HE CONVINCED INTERVENTION BY ROCHE, USG, UNHCR GENEVA AND ATHENS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS RELEASE. HE STATED THAT AFTER HIS DISCOVERY ON BOARD VESSEL, CAPTAIN TOLD HIM HE FEARED WHAT CUBANS WOULD DO IF HE DIDN'T TURN TRUJILLO OVER TO YUGOSLAVS FOR RETURN TO CUBA. WHEN SHIP ARRIVED AT SPLIT, A POLICE LAUNCH CAME ALONGSIDE, OFFICERS CAME ABOARD, AND TRUJILLO BELIEVES CAPTAIN SIGNED A STATEMENT THAT TRUJILLO WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED OFF SHIP TO REQUEST ASYLUM. HAD CAPTAIN NOT SIGNED STATEMENT, YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW HIM TO UNLOAD THE CARGO OF SUGAR, TRUJILLO STATED. HE BELIEVES INTERNATIONAL INTEREST SHOWN IN HIS CASE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALTERING GOY STAND ON HIS RELEASE AND FLIGHT TO ATHENS.
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